(*b*) The amount required to maintain the above road has been included in the 1940 road maintenance estimate.

EYYAL—MARATHANGODE PANCHAYAT ROAD—PARTICULARS REGARDING

153. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any amount has been spent by the Panchayat Department in 1115 for either repair or maintenance of the Panchayat road leading to Eyyal from Marathangode (Talappalli Taluk);

(*b*) if so, the amount spent and the extent in furlongs which was repaired or maintained;

(*c*) the total extent in miles of the road referred to in (*a*);

(*d*) whether the whole length of the road has been repaired if not, why not?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The maintenance work of a portion of this road (7 furlongs) will be attended to very soon. A sum of Rs. 64 has been set apart for this in the road maintenance estimate for 1940. For want of funds it will not be possible to maintain the whole length of the road this year.

(*b*) Please see answer to (*a*).

(*c*) 1 mile and 3 furlongs.

(*d*) Please see answer to (*a*).

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister that it is the southern extremity of this road that is in a more dilapidated condition?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Anyway, I will see whether the whole road cannot be put right. There will be some amount under "savings."

EXPENDITURE FOR "UPLIFT OF THE DEPRESSED CLASSES"—DETAILS REGARDING

154. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount expended in 1114 for the "Uplift of the Depressed Classes" from the special contribution of

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Rs. 2,500 for Rural Development, apportioned to that department;

(*b*) how and where was that fund expended;

(*c*) under what all items was that fund expended?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Rs. 2,488—5—0.

(*b*) The fund was expended in purchasing and distributing articles for Rural Development works in the various colonies of the State. A list of the articles then distributed with the names of colonies, is placed on the Council Table.

(*c*) A statement showing the details is placed on the Council Table.

155. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what was the amount apportioned to the Uplift of the Depressed Classes Department out of the lump allotment for Rural Development in the year 1113;

(*b*) how was that amount expended; under what all items;

(*c*) in what all places and colonies was this amount expended;

(*d*) whether the amount was spent in the nature of a permanent investment or for temporary relief;

(*e*) whether any institution, stock (life or dead) or any implement, etc., are at present existing?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No amount was apportioned to the Uplift Department for Rural Development works in the year 1113.

(*b*) to (*e*) No answer is necessary.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* From the statements placed on the table, it is seen that amounts were spent in different colonies in a most haphazard manner, if I may call it so. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to consider the question of spending the amount set apart for the Depressed classed colonies under the Rural Development Scheme, in a more substantial form than the distribution of fowl and cattle, which, I understand has proved futile?

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We have gained knowledge by better experience and in the light of the experience, we will make the necessary alterations. But, anyway, the amount is not equally distributed among the various colonies. According to their importance we distribute it. The matter will be taken into consideration and looked into.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി : ഈ കോളനികളിൽ റൂറൽ ഡെവലപ്പ്മെണ്ടു് ആവശ്യത്തിനുവേണ്ടി പല ഉപകരണങ്ങളും വിതരണം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അതുകൊണ്ടു കോളനികളിലെ ആളുകൾ എന്താണു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കുന്നതെന്നു വാർഡനൊ പ്രൊട്ടക്ടരൊ അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : ഉവ്വു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻ കുട്ടി : അപ്പോൾ ഈ ആടുകളെ എന്തു ചെയ്യണമെന്നുള്ളതിനു് അന്വേഷിച്ചു റിപ്പോർട്ടു ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : അതു കേട്ടതുകൊണ്ടാണു് അന്വേഷിച്ചതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻ കുട്ടി : ഈ വാർഡൻ അവിടെ താമസിക്കുന്ന ആളല്ലേ ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : അവിടെ വാർഡൻ ഇല്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി : മാനേജുചെയ്യുവാൻ വേറെ വല്ലവരുമുണ്ടോ ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ മേനോൻ : ചില പ്രധാന കോളനികളിൽ വാർഡന്മാരുണ്ടു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി : അതു് എവിടെയൊക്കെയാണെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : ഇപ്പോൾ പറയുവാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി : ഫണ്ടിൽ ഇങ്ങിനെ വല്ലതും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In fact I wanted to get the figures for 1115; but, by mistake, it is put here as 1113.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It will be found in the book that I printed.

Mr. President: All the information is given in the book.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the co-operative store in the Herbert-nagar Colony is an accomplished fact now? It is seen that a sum of Rs. 125 has been spent in 1114 for that colony,

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is a store there. But, to be very frank, I should say that these societies are not working very satisfactorily. We have again asked the officers to try to mend the defects and see whether this system will work properly.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* To whom was this Rs. 125 paid?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* To this society.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there a registered society there?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. There are a number of registered societies.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There was a Depressed Classes Society in the Nayadi Colony at Kunnamkulam. The Secretary of that society swindled some money and committed suicide.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I did not get any complaint.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Now only I remember that. Will the Government be pleased to help those poor people at least by giving them half the amount that they have lost?

Mr. President: That does not arise out of this.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* You put in a complaint and I will see whether any redress can be given.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are the Government convinced of the fact that these credit co-operative societies will not work properly among the Depressed classes, who are very poor?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As a matter of fact, they are not working satisfactorily even among the better classes of people.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Can we not find out any other method to improve these societies by converting them into some other kind of societies?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I will explain this when the cut motions on the Co-operative Department come up for discussion.

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മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി: അധഃകൃതകോളനികളിൽ താമസിക്കുന്ന ആളുകൾക്ക് എന്തെങ്കിലും തൊഴിലുകളുണ്ടോ; തൊഴിലുകളില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിനുള്ള മാർഗ്ഗമുണ്ടാക്കിക്കൊടുക്കുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്നു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. President: That does not arise out of this. You are turning it into a discussion on colonies.

CHELLANAM—OPENING OF RURAL LIBRARY

156: മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ചെല്ലാനം വില്ലേജിൽ ഒരു ഗ്രാമീണ വായനശാല അനുവദിച്ചു നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തണമെന്നു കാണിച്ചു ടി വില്ലേജു നിവാസികളിൽ നിന്നും വല്ല ഹർജിയും ഗവൺമെണ്ടിലേക്കു ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിലേക്കു വല്ല സംഖ്യയും അനുവദിപ്പാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറിനു മനസ്സുണ്ടാകുമോ?

ഡാക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: (എ) ഉണ്ടു.

(ബി) അടുത്ത കൊല്ലം പുതിയ വായനശാലകൾ തുടങ്ങുന്ന സമയത്തു് ആലോചിക്കുന്നതായിരിക്കും.

CENTRAL JAIL—DISPARITY IN WEIGHTS OF PRISONERS ON ADMISSION AND RELEASE

157. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for the disparity in the average weight of prisoners in the years 1113 and 1114 (142·57 and 151·4 lbs. on admission and discharge 101·9 and 106·3 lbs.)?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The correct average weight of prisoners for the year 1113 is 105·3 lbs. on admission and 109·6 lbs. on discharge. There is therefore not much disparity.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടി: സാധാരണ ജയിലിൽനിന്നു പുറത്തു പോകുമ്പോൾ കൂടുതൽ ആരോഗ്യത്തോടുകൂടിയല്ലേ പോകുന്നതു്?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* About 88 per cent have gained in weight.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether there is a Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society in Cochin State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* To the best of my knowledge there is no such society.

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